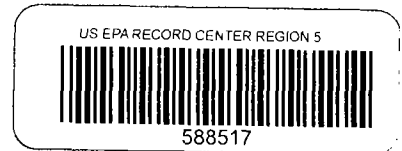




UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

**FILE**

Re: Prairie Paint & Adhesives

Dear Mr. Jack Waller

On May 28, 1983, I notified you in a phone conversation that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) had documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances into the environment at the Prairie Paint Adhesives site which may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the environment.

The Prairie Paint & Adhesive site is located on the SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 20 and Range 7E. The site is bordered on the north by the Peoria & Eastern Railroad tracks, State Route 47 on the west, a metal shed on the south, and a small abandoned building on the east.

This letter is intended to confirm the substance of that notification.

U.S. EPA will spend public funds to prevent or mitigate danger to the public health, welfare or the environment posed by the Prairie Paint & Adhesives unless it determines that action will be taken by a responsible party to properly prevent or mitigate the danger. U.S. EPA authority to spend public funds is provided in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604 (CERCLA).

Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and past owner or operator, and persons who generated the substances or were involved in transport, treatment, or disposal of them at the site. Under Section 107 of CERCLA, responsible parties may be liable for funds expended by U.S. EPA to take necessary corrective action at the site, including investigation, planning, cleanup of the site, and enforcement. Based on state, local and federal records, U.S. EPA has information which indicates that your client is a responsible party.

You were informed that before the U.S. EPA undertook any activities at the Prairie Paint & Adhesives that it wished to determine whether your client would voluntarily perform the necessary work. You were further informed that the following steps were determined to be necessary pursuant to 40 CFR §300.65.

I also stated that the foregoing work would have to be conducted in conformance with applicable state and federal law, and that other corrective measures might be necessary following implementation of the specified work.

I requested that you verbally notify U.S.EPA through me of the nature, extent and timing of the activities you would be willing to undertake. Should you fail to not be heard from by that time, I stated we would assume that you declined to undertake those corrective measures at the site. I provide you with my name, my position as on-scene coordinator and phone number should you desire to respond as requested.

At that time you informed me that your client would decline to undertake the described corrective measures. Based on that information I informed you that U.S. EPA intends to go forward with cleanup and corrective measures at the site if action is not taken by July 5, 1983.

Immediate actions that should be taken are:

- 1) Sample barrels
- 2) Determine compatability
- 3) Decide whether to bulk or overpack barrels
- 4) Remove contamination from site
- 5) If waste is bulked, crush and dispose drums
- 6) Incinerate or landfill waste according to federal and state regulation and anticipated costs
- 7) Remove contaminated soil from site.

If you desire any further information or wish to discuss this matter further please contact Pierre C. Talbert, Assistant Regional Counsel, (phone 312-886-6839), U.S. EPA, 230 South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Sincerely,



William Simes  
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Pierre C. Talbert  
Assistant Regional Counsel